Word List with Definitions

1. abundant (adj) occurring in profusion; easily and often found
2. angular (adj) having sharp corners or many angles
3. assent (v) to agree
4. brusque (adj) the quality of being short or rude, especially in speech
5. coercion (n) the use of physical force, threats, or fear to obtain a desired result
6. corrode (v) to slowly destroy; to break down over time, as by acid
7. demented (adj) mentally unbalanced or unhinged; insane
8. diligence (n) perseverance; an attitude of careful, patient consistency to complete a task
9. equilibrium (n) balance
10. furtive (adj) acting in a suspicious manner; sneaky
11. ignominious (adj) dishonorable or disgraceful
12. insipid (adj) lacking in taste or culture
13. massacre (n) a mass killing or slaughter, especially the unnecessary killing of many people
14. momentary (adj) lasting only a small amount of time
15. obstinacy (n) stubbornness; an unbending adherence to a position or viewpoint
16. overpower (v) to use force to physically control or subdue; to master through powerful force
17. perceptible (adj) able to be seen, heard, felt, tasted, or touched
18. precarious (adj) having potential dangers; hazardous
19. querulous (adj) tending to whine or complain; disagreeable
20. remuneration (n) money paid for goods or services; compensation or payment
21. seethe (v) to move with violent agitation
22. superfluous (adj) beyond what is necessary; extra
23. transcend (v) to go beyond or rise above
24. trident (n) a large three-pronged fork used as a spear
25. wane (v) to diminish or become less bright, as the progression of the moon from full to new
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Synonyms:
In the space provided, write the word from the list above that means the same or about the same as the word given.

1. dangerous  ______________________  6. secretive  ______________________
2. abrupt  ______________________  7. fleeting  ______________________
3. acquiesce  ______________________  8. payment  ______________________
4. excessive  ______________________  9. decay  ______________________
5. noticeable  ______________________  10. agitate  ______________________

Antonyms:
In the space provided, write the word from the list above that means opposite of the word given.

11. carelessness  ______________________  16. curvaceous  ______________________
12. sane  ______________________  17. imbalance  ______________________
13. elegant  ______________________  18. secure  ______________________
14. noble  ______________________  19. scarce  ______________________
15. wax  ______________________  20. succumb  ______________________

Analogies:
Choose the word from the list that best completes the analogy, creating the same relationship between the second set of words as exists between the first set of words.

21. school : fish :: ______________________ : murder
22. drip : pour :: ______________________ : smash
23. persuasion : argument :: ______________________ : force
24. smooth : circle :: ______________________ : square
25. agreeable : concur :: ______________________ : complain
26. descend : below :: ______________________ : above
27. refuse : disagree :: ______________________ : agree
28. fickleness : change :: ______________________ : stasis
29. scarce : seldom :: ______________________ : often
30. dagger : knife :: ______________________ : fork
SAT Vocabulary Lesson and Practice: Lesson 6 (cont’d)

In the space provided, write the word from the list above that best completes each given sentence.

31. The dent in the car was barely ________________, but his father noticed it anyway.
32. It took two strong men to ________________ the hysterical prisoner and get him in the cell.
33. Her attitude was ________________, which made her seem unfriendly and even mean.
34. She found the plastic glow-in-the-dark Christmas decorations ________________.
35. In order to ________________ the obstacles in her path, she had to work hard and think positively.
36. The acid began to slowly ________________ the pipe months ago and finally destroyed it.
37. There is a natural ________________ between predators and prey in nature; a lack of prey decreases predators, which then increases the number of prey.
38. She was in a very ________________ position, balanced between the steep wall and the ravine.
39. Her husband became ________________ after losing his job; nothing was good enough anymore.
40. The sculpture was ________________, full of joints and corners.
41. Her forgetfulness was only ________________; she soon remembered what she was going to say.
42. The Greek god Neptune carried a ________________ as his weapon.
43. The town did not want to remember the ________________ that left 15 innocent people dead.
44. His ________________ behavior led her to believe that he was up to no good.
45. Her behavior was positively ________________; there was no explanation but insanity.
46. She was promised ________________ that included a six-figure salary and a company car.
47. She feared that her beauty would ________________ as she got older, and so she invested in plastic surgery and facial treatments.
48. Isn’t buying a second car a ________________ expense? Do you really need it?
49. Near the cabin, wildflowers were ________________, growing everywhere she looked.
50. Because of his ________________ and hard work, the project was completed on time.
51. He used ________________ in order to get what he wanted, by threatening to have her arrested.
52. The teacher put him in the ________________ position of standing in the corner wearing a dunce hat.
53. She gave her ________________ to the plan, although she wasn’t sure it would succeed.
54. His ________________ caused him to lose his girlfriend, since he would never admit he was wrong.
55. During the storm, the water would ________________, causing white peaks on the numerous waves.
SAT Vocabulary Lesson and Practice: Lesson 6 Answer Key

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4. superfluous
5. perceptible
6. furtive
7. momentary
8. remuneration
9. corrode
10. seethe

26. transcend
27. assent

Sentence Usage
31. perceptible
32. overpower
33. brusque
34. insipid
35. transcend

Antonyms
11. diligence
12. demented
13. insipid
14. ignominious
15. wane
16. angular
17. equilibrium
18. precarious
19. abundant
20. overpower

36. corrode
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38. precarious
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40. angular

Analogy
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